

**Carlisle Deer Control Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019**

Carlisle Town Hall, Parlin Room, 7 PM
(as amended August 8-2-2019)

Committee members present: Jonathan DeKock, Barney Arnold, Dejan (Dan) Bojanic, John Keating, Alex Parra. Absent: Todd Thorsen, Sgt. Scott Barnes
Community Member: Kerry Kissinger
Mosquito Reporter

Approval of meeting minutes: Minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously as revised. Barney Arnold will submit the revised meeting minutes to Jonathan DeKock for posting.

Deer Control Committee Membership

Barney Arnold received a reply from Chief Fisher that Detective Andrew Corwin will now be the representative for the police department on the Deer Control Committee.

Review of Deer Control Committee Charter

Motion was made and seconded to submit the new Deer Control Committee charter to the Carlisle Board of Selectmen for their approval. This passed unanimously.

Discussion of latest revision of the 2019 Bow Hunting for Deer Regulations

There was a line by line review of the proposed regulations. There was thorough discussion of various options for the weekly hours for bow hunting. Dan Bojanic presented the responses he received from some of last year's hunters: 8 preferred Option 1 below, and 6 preferred Option 2 below. The committee decided to present both options regarding the weekly bow hunting times for review by the BOS, the ConsCom, Board of Health, and the community. The two options are:

Option 1 – bow hunting will be allowed Monday-Friday, from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No bow discharge will be permitted from 10am-2pm on these days. There will be bow hunting on Saturdays.

Option 2 – bow hunting will be allowed Monday-Friday from from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset; there will be no bow hunting on Saturdays.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to submit the revised regulations for the 2019 Bow Hunting season on town owned land to the ConsCom, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, and the public for review.

Following these reviews, the Deer Control Committee will complete a final revision of the 2019 Bow Hunting Regulations to be submitted to the Conservation Commission and the Board of

Selectmen for final approval by the end of August.

Alex Parra will provide the revised draft regulations. Barney Arnold will arrange for the new charter and the revised draft regulations to be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

For the Community Input Session on July 31, a notice should be submitted to the Mosquito for the back page.

Public Input

Kerry Kissinger spoke about the importance of having appropriate signage. The committee agreed.

Scheduled upcoming meetings: July 31, 2019 (Public Input Session)
August 2, 2019, 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Barney Arnold

Regulations for Deer Hunting on Carlisle Town Land

1. The Carlisle Board of Selectmen allows Bow Hunting for deer on select Town properties by permit only. The Carlisle season will coincide with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archery Hunting season, and will not include the shotgun or muzzle loader seasons.
2. The Town of Carlisle will allocate the number of permits based on the amount of land available for hunting. **The town will appoint an agent to administer this program.**
 - 2.1. Archery hunting is limited to specifically designated areas at the following Town land parcels:
 - Benfield
 - Conant Land
 - Davis Corridor
 - **Greenough**
 - Town Forest
 - 2.2. The Town of Carlisle reserves the right to close any parcel to hunting for any reason at any time.
 - 2.3. Permits to be distributed by lottery. Preference to be given to town residents and employees.
3. Town land may be hunted only by those persons who have been issued a Bow Hunting Access Permit by the **agent**.
 - 3.1. Hunting is permitted by qualified hunters only. Hunters must be qualified by a Committee interview and assessment process. Additionally, hunters must possess state-approved Hunter Education and Bowhunter Safety certificates.
4. The **agent** will monitor the program to ensure public safety and **compliance with land management goals.**
 - 4.1. Trails leading to hunting areas shall be marked with temporary signs indicating that hunting is occurring on the property.
 - 4.2. **Hunters are encouraged to obtain antlerless deer permits and to harvest antlerless deer.**
5. Permitting Regulations
 - 5.1. All State hunting rules and regulations apply.
 - 5.2. Only archery hunting is allowed.
 - 5.3. Permits will restrict hunters to specific locations.
 - 5.4. Hunters must carry, at all times, photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of

Comment [J1]: 1) This is a Regulation Requirement and an important position. However, the town did not independently appoint an agent for last year's hunt, and did not appoint an agent for this year's hunt. 2) The agent was/is a Deer Committee member who volunteered for the position although an active hunting participant in the program. This is a significant perceived conflict of interest that the deer agent is self-policing himself. Further, as an active hunter in the program, it can be perceived that the agent is biased towards the other hunters and the hunting program. The only way this can be resolved is if the current agent removes himself as an active hunter from the hunting program or a new agent who is not an active hunter in the program is appointed legally by the town.

Comment [J2]: Greenough is Conservation Land, not Town Land and the Conservation Regulations must be changed to accommodate hunting for hunting to be allowed.

Comment [J3]: There are no established "land management goals" so this statement is meaningless. There is nothing in writing approved by the town so how can the goals be met? If those goals exist, they must be referenced properly.

Comment [J4]: This statement would not appear in regulations to control deer overpopulation. The state asserts that the antlerless deer must be targeted in order to control overpopulation. This statement encourages trophy hunting. (I have not seen anything yet that shows that Carlisle has a "deer problem.")

approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show these documents to anyone who asks to see them.

- 5.5. Hunters must be courteous to all property users and make a genuine effort to inform others about the hunting program when encountered. The **agent** and the **BOH** must be notified of negative encounters with visitors as soon as possible.

Comment [J5]: The BOH is no longer relevant with respect to the deer hunt. Therefore, BOH must be deleted from this document; and their signature is no longer needed. The basis of the hunt originated when there was a perception that killing the deer would lower the risk of Lyme Disease. That perception is not true. Please see the attached papers by 1) The Carlisle Lyme Disease Sub-Committee of the BOH and 2) Kugeler's paper (from the CDC).

6. Field Regulations

- 6.1. Daily hunting hours will coincide with the State's allowed hunting hours (½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset).
- 6.2. Hunting is permitted only from temporary portable tree stands.
- 6.3. Strap-on steps or ladder steps only are permitted.
- 6.4. The permit number issued by the **agent** must be visible on the tree stand and the dashboard of the hunter's car.
- 6.5. Hunting within 100 feet of marked trails is prohibited. Hunters must not shoot in the direction of marked trails.
- 6.6. Hunting within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling is prohibited without written owner permission on person, even if the tree stand is on Town property.

7. Take-Related Regulations

- 7.1. No other forms of wildlife may be taken
- 7.2. All deer taken must be reported to the **agent** before the later of 24 hours or by 5pm of the next business day.
- 7.3. Harvested animals and field dressing remains must be removed without damage to the area.